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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

FROM :
Chairman, Office of Medical Services
Task Force on Counterterrorism

VIA : Mr. Cord Meyer
Special Assistant/Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence(SA/DDCI)

SUBJECT : Nuclear Threat to Washington, D.C.

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1. As I indicated to you in our telephone conversation of today, Mr. Cord Meyer, SA/DDCI showed me this morning a communication threatening nuclear destruction of Washington, D.C. unless certain demands are met. My tentative assessment is that it is a hoax.

2. The message appears to be written by one individual or a small group. The demands and conditions are rather primitive; clearly the demands cannot be met, and the deadlines are very loose. Although negotiations are referred to, no means for implementing them are spelled out. There are certain catch words such as "multinational corporation" and "secret government" which lead me to believe that this threat was inspired by previous events and that the perpetrator is seeking attention in order to relieve pent-up frustrations.

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